

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT)
OF A SIMPLIFIED TEMPORARY CHILD)
SUPPORT PROCESS)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2007-059
(Amends Administrative Order
No. 2005-190)

Whereas, the Arizona Supreme Court has approved and adopted new *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure (ARFLP)* effective January 1, 2006, that include, *inter alia*, a new statewide procedure for establishing a simplified temporary child support order in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 47(I), *ARFLP*, and

Whereas, this court has previously established by Administrative Order No. 2005-008 and previous orders cited and vacated therein, an administrative process to request and determine temporary child support orders in an expedited manner, and

Whereas, the administrative process outlined in Administrative Order No. 2005-008 is substantially duplicated and effectively replaced by the new simplified child support order process outlined in Rule 47(I), *ARFLP*, and

Whereas, the court desires to reduce the confusion, delay and inconsistencies that inherently occur with the operation of two substantially similar processes to establish temporary child support, and

Whereas, the court also desires to further expedite the hearing and entry of temporary child support orders that are in dispute with a brief conference conducted by a conference officer or an attorney case manager to be followed immediately with a hearing by a judicial officer if agreement cannot be reached at the conference, and

Whereas, with the adoption of Rule 47(I), *ARFLP*, and the elimination of the prior administrative processes for determination of temporary child support pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2005-190, the exemption provided in Administrative Order No. 2003-030 that terminated authorization for all para-judicial conferences to establish temporary child support in the four divisions located at the Northwest Regional Court Center is now rendered moot,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Vacating Administrative Order No. 2005-008 effective December 31, 2005 (*In the Matter of Establishment of Temporary Child Support*) and all Administrative Orders, policies and procedures vacated therein. Child Support Information Forms submitted to obtain a temporary child support order pursuant to

Administrative Order 2005-008 shall no longer be accepted for filing by the Clerk effective January 1, 2006.

2. Effective January 1, 2006, replacing the administrative process outlined in Administrative Order 2005-008 for the entry of temporary child support orders with the processes and procedures outlined in the applicable provisions set forth in the *Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure* for the entry of temporary orders, including Rule 47(I), *ARFLP* (Simplified Child Support Order).

3 That all parties to a contested motion for a simplified temporary child support order under Rule 47(I), *ARFLP*, shall meet and confer with a conference officer or an attorney case manager to narrow and resolve the temporary child support issue if possible prior to hearing. Hearings on contested issues shall be heard by a court commissioner assigned to hear these matters immediately following the conference, or by the assigned judge at a time scheduled by the judge, if a court commissioner is unavailable to hear the matter.

4 This program shall be known as the Simplified Temporary Support Process ("Simplified Process") and shall be conducted in accordance with family law statutes, court rules, and department policy adopted herewith, and to be amended from time to time as authorized by the family court presiding judge.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2007.

Norman J. Davis
Family Court Presiding Judge

Original: To be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court

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